

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council
Strategic Plan**

**Status of "Other" & "4/1/04" & "10/1/04" & "10/1/05" Strategies
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GOAL	STRATEGY	Plan Page #	ASSIGNEE	STATUS 8/1/2004
Information Systems	EMS providers and hospitals will develop mechanisms to generate and transmit data that are valid, reliable and accurate within three years of successful implementation of the new EMS/Trauma Registry program. (Other)	26	TDHEPI	Working – Some challenges with the EMS/Trauma Registry program delayed the implementation of this strategy. However, THDEPI is continuing to work with software vendors to improve overall data quality. System validation reports improve data quality from the EMS and hospital users.
Evaluation	Stakeholders will implement the evaluation principles of the Comprehensive Clinical Management Program (CCMP) within three years of implementation of CCMP. (Other)	27	Medical Directors Committee	Working – The CCMP has been piloted, however, the program has not been implemented because of a lack of resource availability.
Legislation and Regulation	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will periodically review the current state structure supporting the EMS/Trauma System and develop appropriate recommendation in an ongoing manner. (Other)	28	GETAC	Working – HB-2292, passed by the 78 th Texas Legislature is consolidating 11 HHSC agencies into 4. This is resulting in the reorganization of the programs of the Bureau Emergency Management into functional units as of 9/1/04. Early in 2004, GETAC and many stakeholders contacted state leadership regarding the EMS/Trauma System because of this pending re-organization.
Legislation and Regulation	TDH, with GETAC and stakeholder input, will review and revise, as needed, its regulations. (Other)	28	TDHBEM TDHEPI GETAC	Working – Rules for fee increases, exemption requests, and changes to the DNR form, a RAC designation process, and implementation of new EMS/Trauma Funding were adopted by 7/1/2004. The mandated quadrennial review of all EMS/Trauma Rules is continuing.
Communications Systems	TDHBEM will complete the EMD Resource Center pilot, evaluate the results, and develop recommendations. (4/1/04)	19	TDHBEM	Working – A work group was appointed in Fall 2003 and a draft request for proposals has been reviewed by TDHBEM. A final draft RFP is expected from the workgroup.

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Integration	GETAC, with stakeholder assistance, will educate governing bodies regarding the criticality of an EMS/Trauma System to all citizens/visitors (e.g., an essential service, standards of care, impact of EMS/trauma care on illness/injury morbidity and mortality. (10/1/04)	16	GETAC	
Integration	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will review and consider adoption the principles of the National Trauma Systems Agenda. (10/1/04)	17	Trauma Systems Committee	<u>Not started</u>
Integration	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will review the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) legislation and develop recommendations for full implementation, if funding is appropriated. (10/1/04)	17	Pediatric Committee	<p><u>Working</u> – The Committee is working on guidelines that address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Pediatric specific equipment for EMS providers --Pediatric specific education requirements for TDH credentialed designation surveyors --Definition of a pediatric patient --Guidelines for Regional Advisory Councils regarding pediatric patients <p>The joint AAP/ACEP document “Care for Children in Emergency Departments: Guidelines for Preparedness” was adopted by GETAC as a guideline for pediatric care in Texas. The document was mailed to every hospital emergency department in Texas.</p>
Communications Systems	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will develop recommendations for baseline/minimum state EMS pre - arrival standards (call-taking, interrogation, dispatching, pre-arrival instructions). (10/1/04)	19	EMS Committee	<u>Not started</u>
Public Access	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will identify and evaluate existing public information programs and advocate statewide adoption of proven activities. (10/1/04)	19	Injury Prevention Committee	<u>Not started</u>

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Public Education	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will evaluate existing media messages and either adopt them or develop new messages to educate the public as consumers of emergency/trauma care. (10/1/04)	20	Injury Prevention Committee	<u>Working</u> - The Rural EMS Task force is working with the Texas Department of Transportation to provide Public Service Announcements regarding EMS to rural areas of the state. The announcements are free and only have to have a loose tie to highway safety. The Task Force has looked at the current PSA's available and are working on adding an EMS message.
Public Education	Stakeholders will develop partnerships with schools to implement targeted education programs. (10/1/04)	20	Education Committee	<u>Not started</u>
Prevention	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will develop a strategic plan for injury prevention and control in Texas. (10/1/04)	21	Injury Prevention Committee	<u>Completed</u>
Human Resources	GETAC, with stakeholder assistance, will encourage communities to directly communicate with appropriate governmental entities to implement innovative recruitment and retention incentives (e.g., wages/compensation packages, retirement benefits, insurance benefits, tax abatement, education, continuing education, workforce stress reduction strategies) for volunteer and career emergency and trauma care professionals. (10/1/04)	22	EMS Committee	<u>Not started</u>
Human Resources	GETAC will advocate for the adoption of statewide guidelines for personal protection and safety (i.e., exposure management, infection control, immunizations, etc.) of EMS and trauma care providers. (10/1/04)	22	EMS Committee Trauma Systems Committee	<u>Not started</u>
Human Resources	EMS providers and hospitals will assure that appropriate services for dealing with stressful events are available to all emergency and trauma care providers. (10/1/04)	22	EMS Committee Trauma Systems Committee	<u>Not started</u>

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Human Resources	Stakeholders will work with appropriate entities/organizations (i.e., Texas Education Agency, scouts, Explorer Posts, high school clubs, etc.) to encourage health care occupations in primary/middle schools and the inclusion of actual pre-hospital courses in high school curricula. (10/1/04)	22	Education Committee	<u>Not started</u> – However, TDHBEM has reports of individual high schools implementing EMS programs.
Medical Oversight	TDHBEM (or other appropriate stakeholder) will include a Medical Directors Forum on a website (10/1/04)	23	TDHBEM	<u>Not started</u>
Education Systems	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will review and make recommendations regarding the scope of practice, curriculum and educational process for the EMT-Intermediate level. (10/1/04)	24	Education Committee	<u>Working</u> – Discussions have been held at multiple Education Committee meetings; however, work has been started at the national level regarding the scope of practice for all levels. This work should be reviewed by Texas.
Education Systems	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will review and make recommendations regarding the scope of practice, curriculum and educational process for the Emergency Care Attendant level. (10/1/04)	24	Education Committee	<u>Not started</u> – See above discussion.
Education Systems	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will review and make recommendations regarding the scope of practice, curriculum and educational process for the Licensed Paramedic level. (10/1/04)	24	Education Committee	<u>Not started</u> – See above discussion.
Education Systems	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will review and consider adoption of the principles of the National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint. (10/1/04)	24	Education Committee	<u>Not started</u> – See above discussion.
Research	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will develop recommendations for EMS research priorities (e.g., skills degradation, cost effectiveness of EMS interventions). (10/1/04)	25	GETAC	<u>Working</u> – A Data, Informatics and Research Task Force was established in FY2004. This group is meeting with the Standing Committees to identify priorities.

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Research	TDHBEM (or an appropriate stakeholder organization) will disseminate information (e.g., website, Texas EMS Magazine) on the establishment of an appropriate institutional review board (IRB) to interpret informed consent rules to allow for the clinical and ethical circumstances inherent in conducting credible EMS research. (10/1/04)	25	TDHBEM	<u>Not started</u>
Research	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will review and consider adoption of the principles of the National EMS Research Agenda Blueprint. (10/1/04)	25	GETAC	<u>Not started</u>
Information Systems	TDHEPI will develop information systems that are able to describe an entire EMS event. (10/1/04)	26	TDHEPI	<u>Working</u> - TDHEPI has a grant from NHTSA - Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) – that will be able to do this for EMS involving MVCs.
Evaluation	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will develop EMS/Trauma System indicators that represent current emergency patient care standards for evaluation of the effectiveness of the EMS/Trauma System (10/1/04)	27	Trauma Systems Committee EMS Committee	<u>Working</u> – Some initial discussions have begun.
Clinical Care	GETAC, with stakeholder input, will develop recommendations related to standards for baseline integrated emergency and trauma care services to minimize the time from incident to definitive care. (10/1/05)	17	Medical Directors Committee	<u>Not started</u>
Clinical Care	TDHBEM will implement the Comprehensive Clinical Management Program (CCMP). (10/1/05)	18	TDHBEM Medical Directors Committee	<u>Working</u> – The CCMP has been piloted, however, the program has not been implemented because of a lack of resource availability.
Medical Oversight	All Texas EMS Medical Directors will successfully complete an approved EMS Medical Director course. (10/1/05)	23	Medical Directors Committee	<u>Working</u> – Some Texas Medical Directors have completed a national course.
Evaluation	Each individual EMS/Trauma System provider and the RACs will incorporate consumer input, as appropriate by law, in evaluation processes. (10/1/05)	27	Trauma Systems Committee	<u>Not started</u>